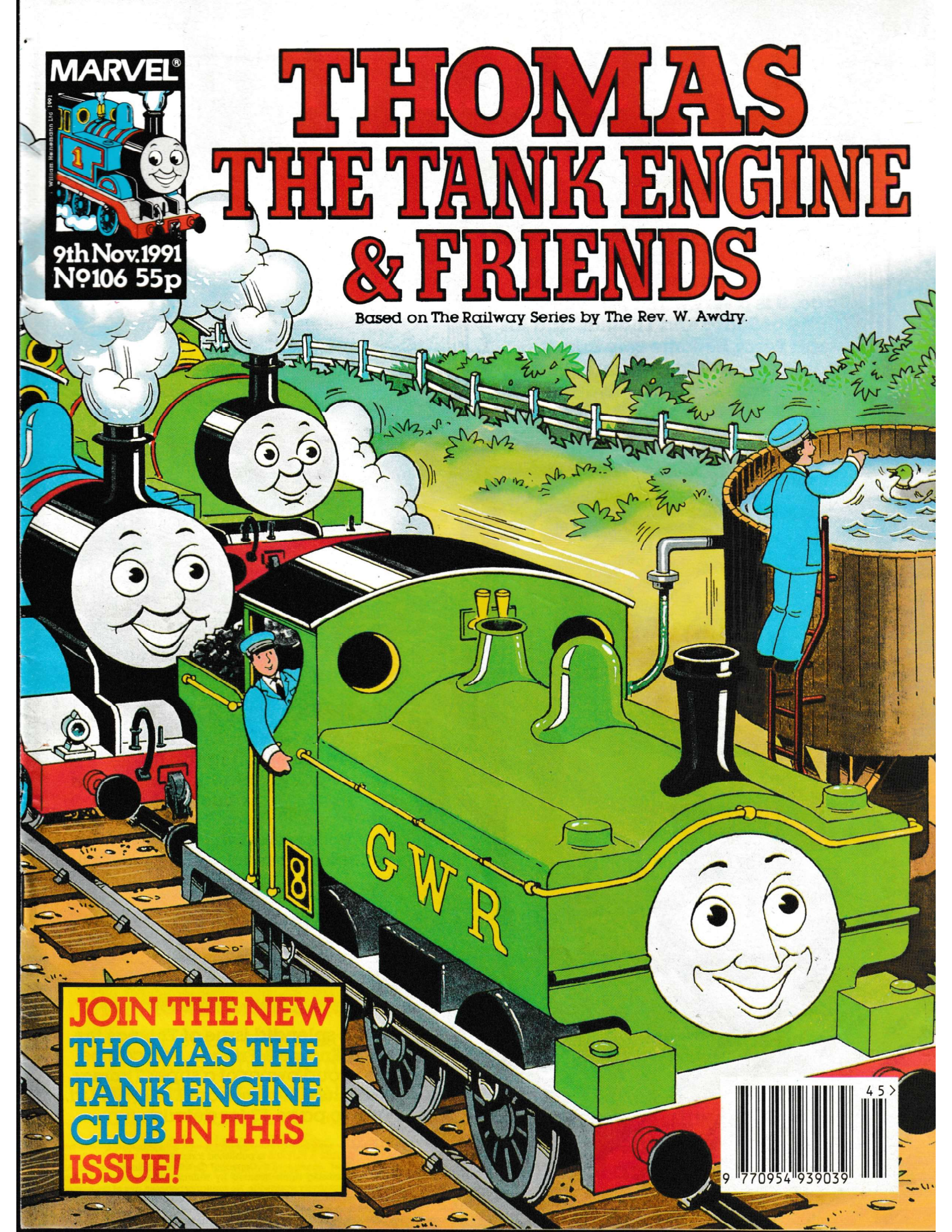
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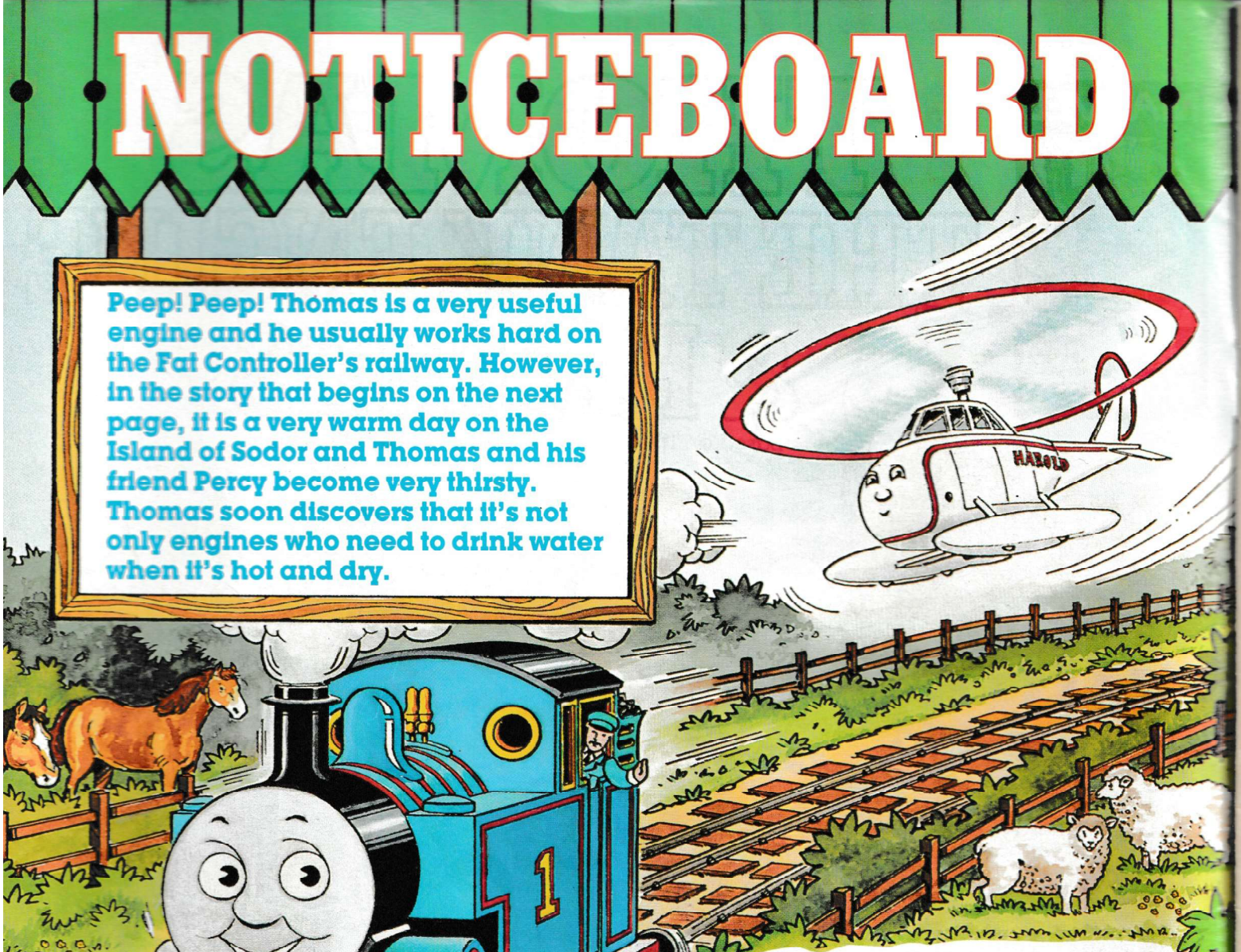
Peep! Peep! Thomas is a very useful engine and he usually works hard on the Fat Controller's railway. However, in the story that begins on the next page, it is a very warm day on the Island of Sodor and Thomas and his friend Percy become very thirsty. Thomas soon discovers that it's not only engines who need to drink water when it's hot and dry.



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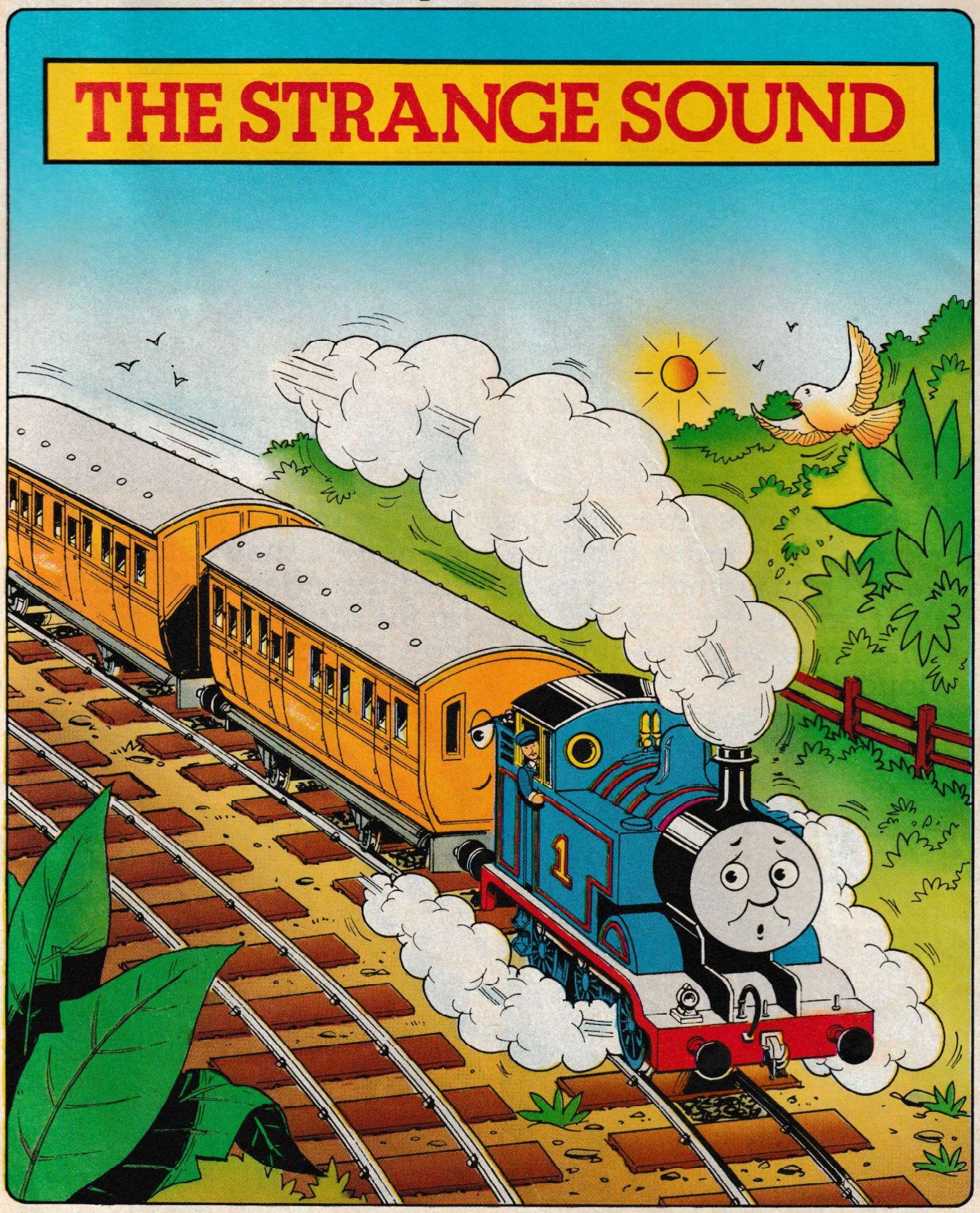
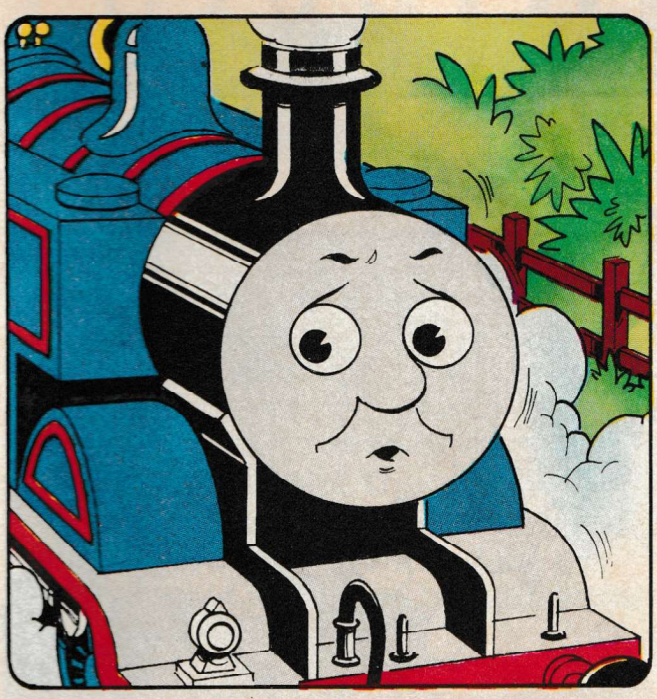
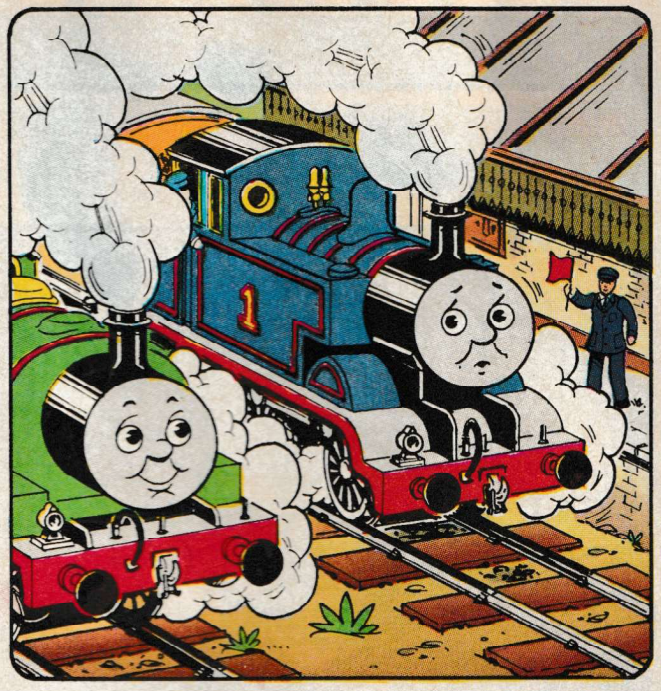


1. "It's such a hot day!" puffed Thomas the Tank Engine wearily, as he pulled Annie and Clarabel along his branch line. There was not a cloud in the clear-blue sky.

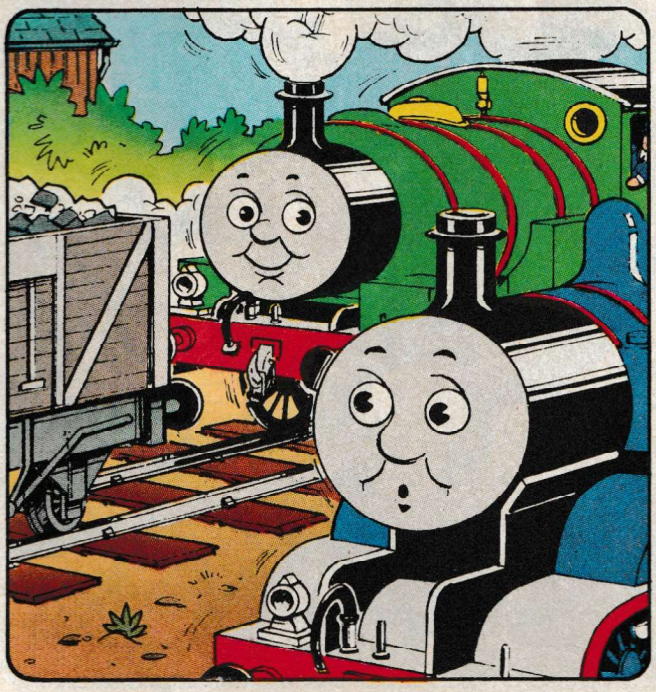
2. Usually Thomas was happy to try his best to be a Really Useful Engine on the Fat Controller's railway. But, as the sun beat down, he grew more hot and tired.



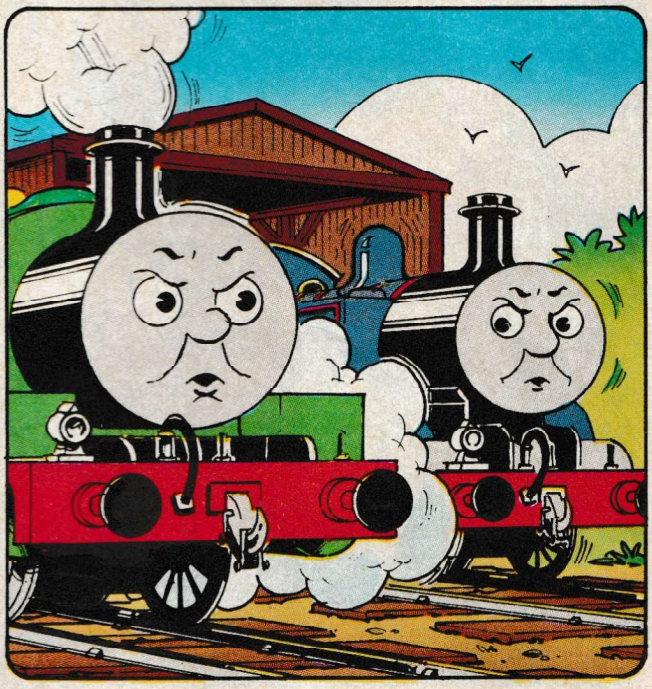
3. And the more tired Thomas became, the more cross he grew. "I can't remember such a hot day as this before," he sighed and let off steam with a loud hiss!



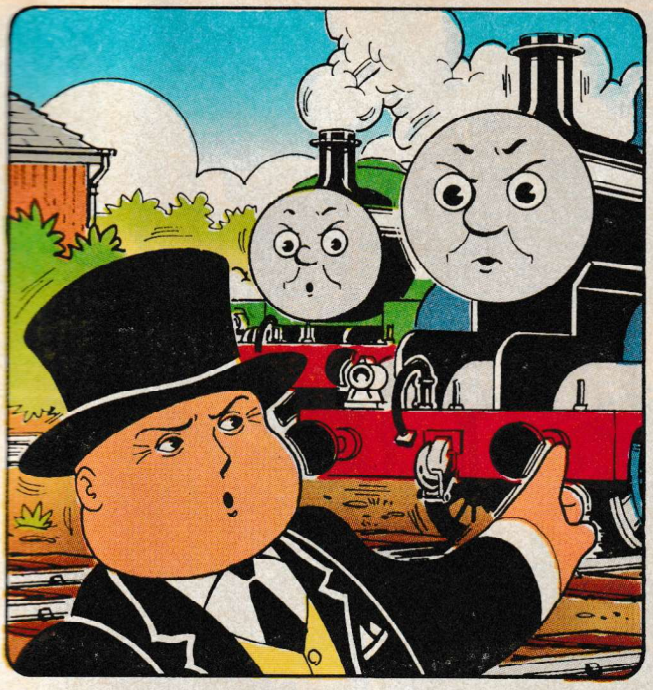
4. Thomas was pleased when he had finished collecting all his passengers and could rest at the Main Station. "At last I can rest and cool my poor wheels!" he sighed.



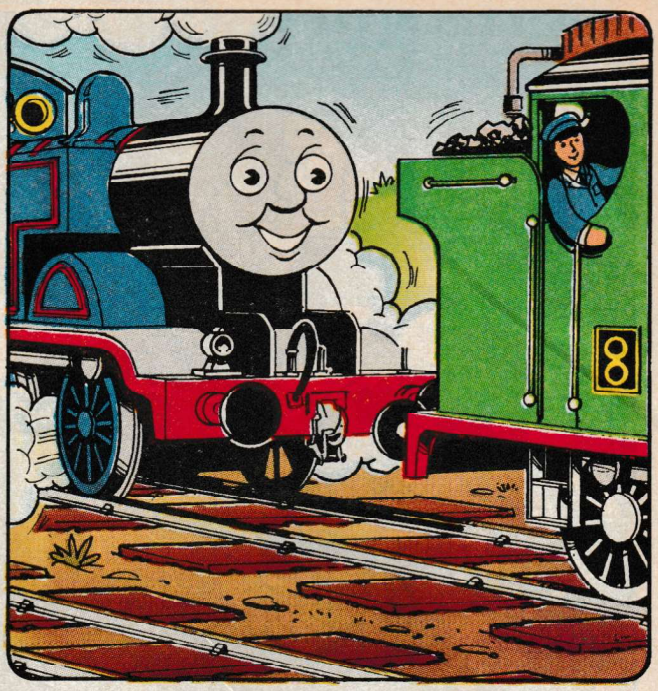
5. "I don't see why you are standing idle!" Percy said to Thomas. "I have to shunt trucks all day. And you know how troublesome trucks are!" Percy was feeling tired too!



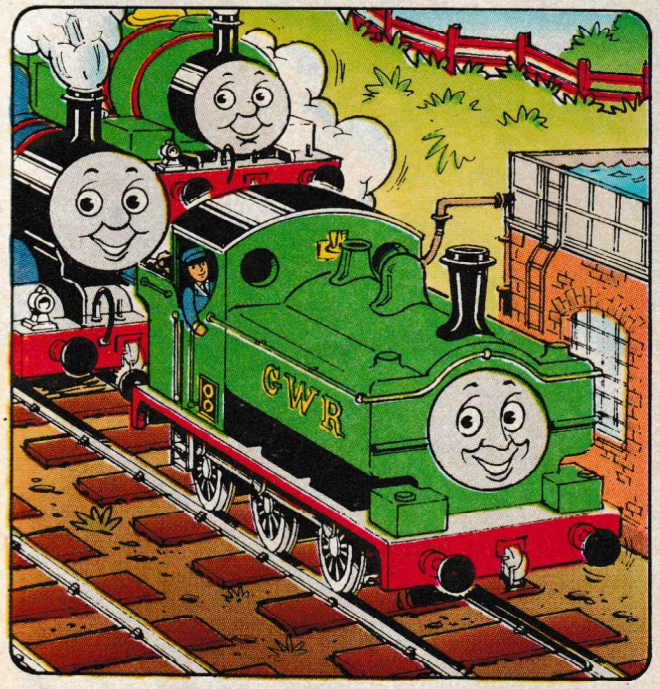
6. "Pah!" huffed Thomas. "I was busy carrying passengers and working hard, this morning, while you were still in the engine shed!" he snapped crossly at Percy.



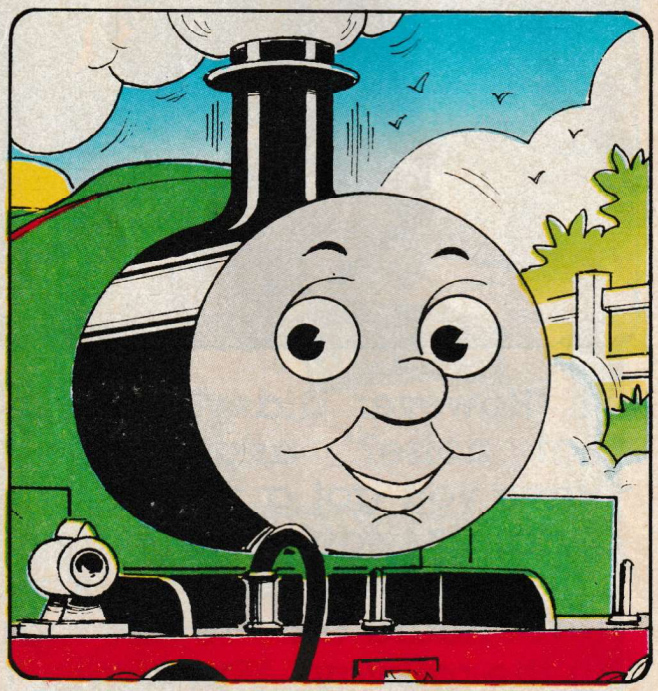
7. "Oh, no, I wasn't!" replied Percy. "Stop! Stop!" called the Fat Controller, when he heard the engines quarrelling. "I think you both need a long cool drink at the water tower!"



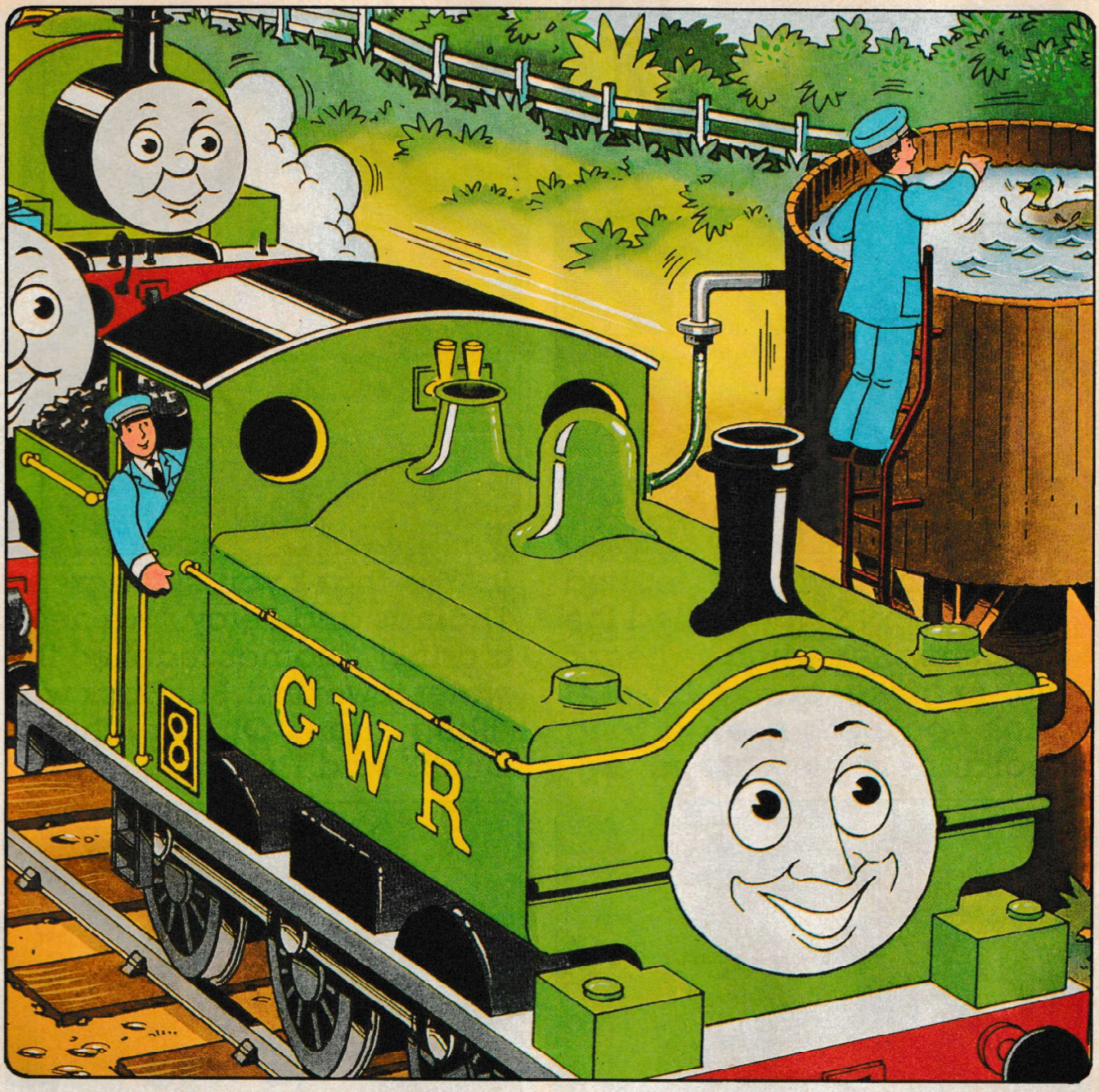
8. "Yes, thank you, sir!" agreed Thomas and Percy. "We need a drink!" Thomas reached the water tower first. But Duck was filling up. "Oh do hurry, Duck!" said Thomas.



9. "Quack! Quack!" came the reply. Thomas was surprised, he almost forgot how thirsty he was. "What a clever noise, Duck!" said Thomas. "You sounded like a real duck!"



10. "Pheeep! I want a drink too!" shouted Percy, "Quack! Quack!" came the reply again. Now Percy was surprised, too! "Was that you, Duck?" he laughed.



11. "However did you make that noise?" asked Percy. "Have you got a whistle?" "It certainly sounded funny!" agreed Thomas. "I have never heard a noise like that on the railway!" "But it wasn't me!" replied Duck, smiling. Duck's driver had heard the quack-quacking noise too. He was just as puzzled as Thomas and Percy.

12. "Well, where did that noise come from?" said Percy. Thomas's driver climbed up the ladder beside the tower and peered into the tank. "Quack! Quack!" There was a duck, swimming on the water. "That duck wanted a drink!" grinned Thomas's driver. "Just like us!" laughed the engines. "And I particularly like ducks!" laughed Duck!

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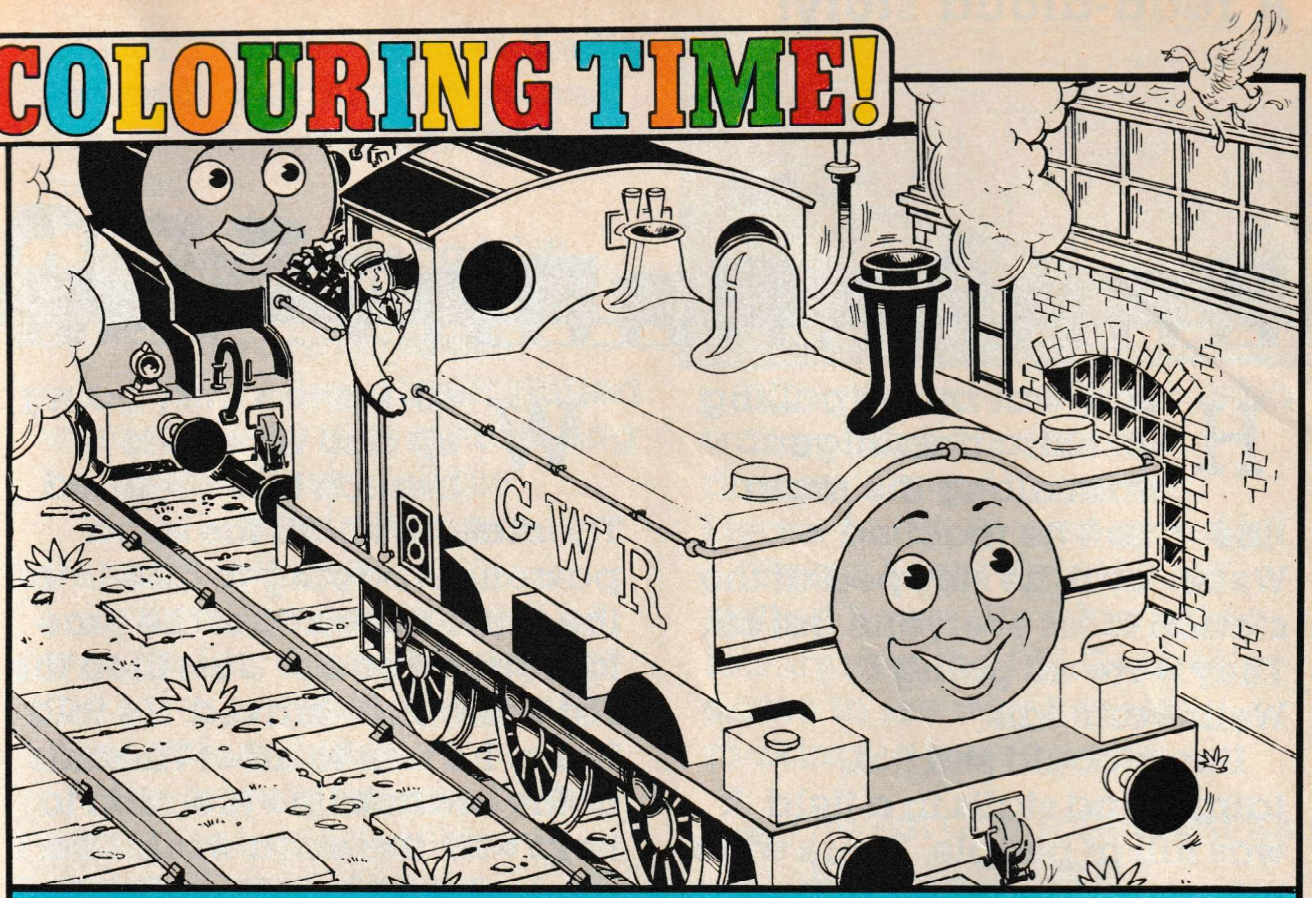
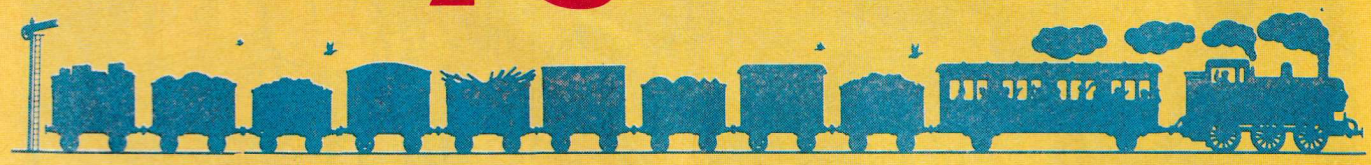


Duck has seen a very strange sight, So colour him in bold and bright!

A read-aloud story!

Henry goes round



Henry was busily pulling an extra passenger train along the main line. When he reached Wellsworth, he stopped at the station to let everyone get off. They were all going to Wellsworth fair.

Henry could see the fairground stalls in a field. It was full of people. There were lots of exciting rides at the fair.

Henry saw a big, bright roundabout, with model horses on it. As the roundabout turned, the horses went up and down, too. The children on them were laughing and waving.

"I think I would enjoy going on a roundabout!" Henry said to his driver.

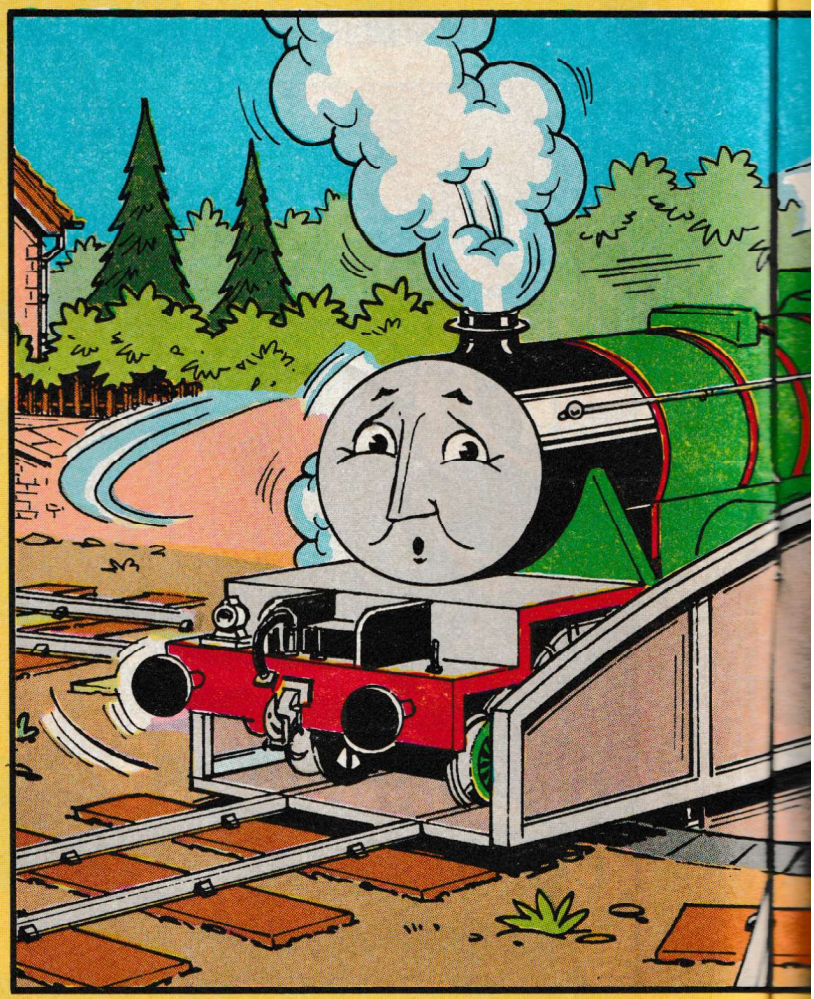
Henry returned to the Main Station where he saw Thomas pulling his faithful carriages, Annie and Clarabel.

"Hello, Thomas!" called Henry eagerly. He told Thomas all about the roundabout he had seen at the Wellsworth fair.

"It must be fun going round and round like that!" said Henry.

"I should like to try it!"

"Well, I'm too busy going up and down the branch line", replied Thomas. "With all the extra passengers going to and from the fair, I haven't got the time for roundabouts." Just then the Fat Controller arrived. He told Henry he was to meet Thomas at the branch line junction to help with the extra work. "But I am facing the wrong way, sir!" said Henry.

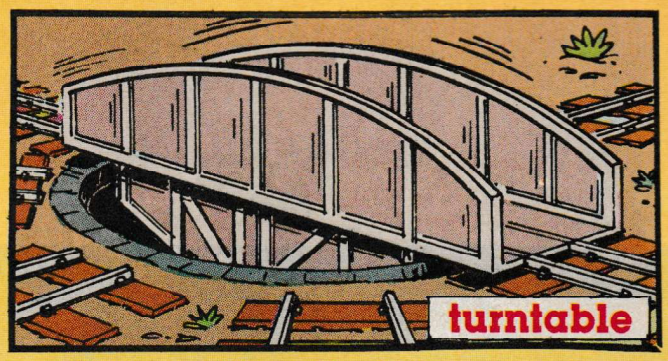


"Don't worry," replied the Fat Controller. "You must go on the turntable to be turned around."

After Thomas had left, Henry rolled slowly forward on to the turntable. An engineer pulled a lever. There was a rumbling noise and Henry felt the turntable begin to move beneath his wheels.

Round Henry went until he was facing the right way. But the turntable did not stop. It kept going round!

"The lever is jammed!" the engineer called to Henry's driver. "I can't stop the turntable!"



"Oh, no!" puffed Henry, who was getting dizzier and dizzier. "I want to get off. Please hurry up and mend it!"

"Peep! Peep! Help! Help!" called Henry. He whistled so loudly that the Fat Controller came to see why he was making so much noise.

The Fat Controller sent for more engineers straightaway.

"The turntable must be repaired quickly!" he said. "Henry can't keep going round and round all day!"

The engineers worked hard. Before long, they freed the lever and the turntable stopped. Henry felt very strange. Wherever he looked, everything seemed to spin before his eyes.

"I . . . don't know if I'm standing on my dome or my wheels!" he huffed.

Henry was very pleased to get off the turntable. When he had recovered, he went to meet Thomas.

"I've changed my mind," said Henry, to Thomas. "If the roundabout at Wellsworth fair is like that turntable, I'm sure I wouldn't like it one bit!"

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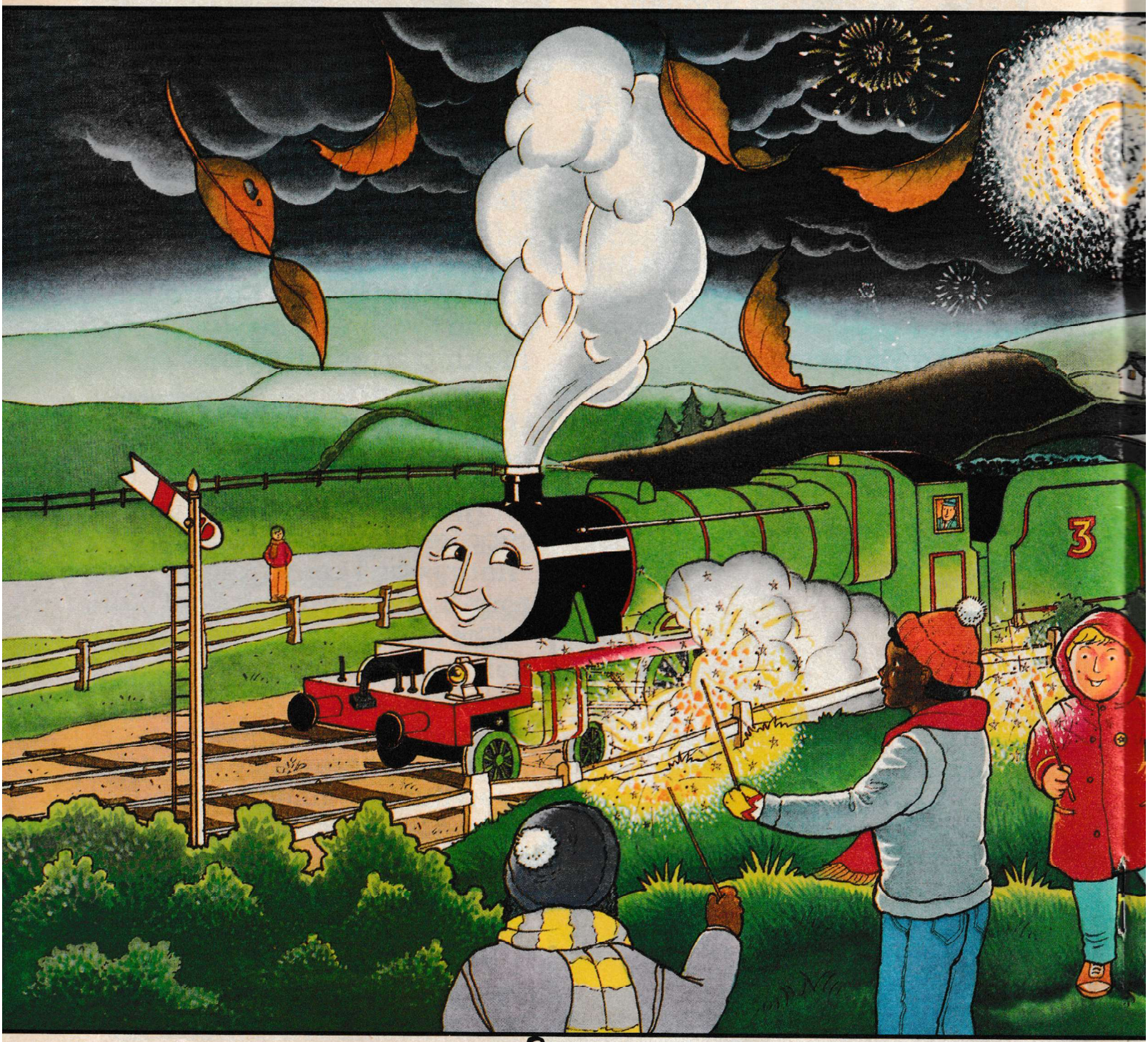

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How many coaches is he pulling?

How many people can you count?

What do you think they are celebrating?

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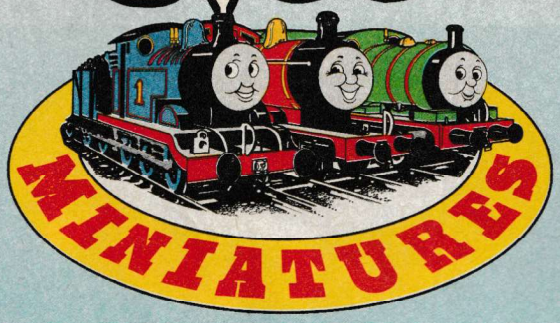

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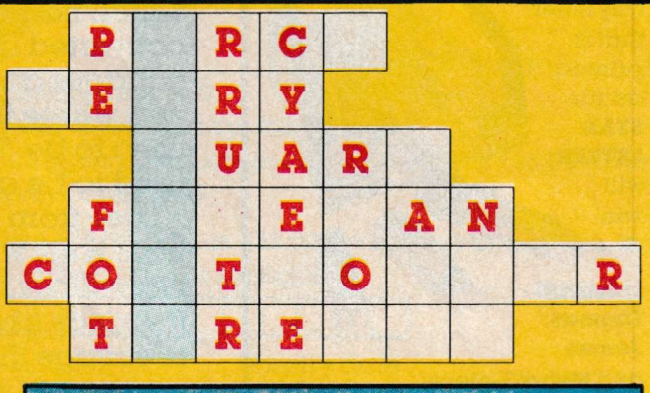
2. Who is the biggest engine on the Island of Sodor?
3. Who blows his whistle when it's time to leave the Station?
4. Who shovels coal into the engine's firebox?
5. 'Sir Topham Hatt' is better known as the Fat _____
6. Who has caterpillar treads instead of wheels?



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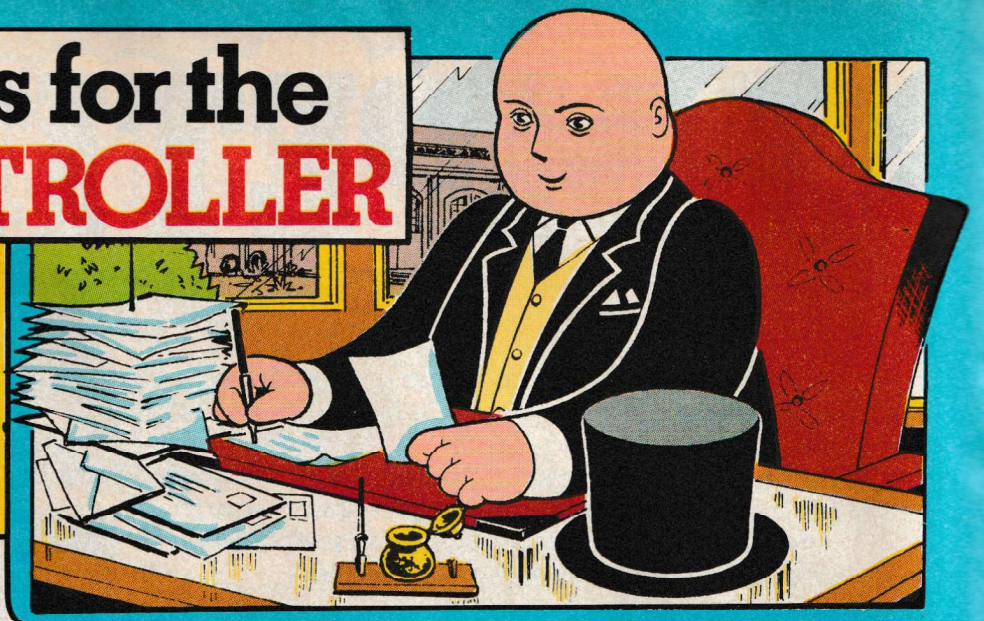

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Dear Fat Controller,
Mummy says I am
Thomas mad,
Just like my dear old
dad,
My dad used to read
about Thomas too,
And that's when Thomas
was brand new!
But what will dad do
when I've grown,
Mum says 'What! Thomas
all on his own!
Love from **Colin Howard,**
aged 3.

Good gracious me! What splendid poetry!
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TIDY ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
My name is Robert and I would like to know how you keep all your trains so clean and tidy! My bedroom is always a mess!
Love from **Robert,** aged 3.

Well Robert! I send most of my engines to the Maintenance Shed when they need to be serviced and cleaned. The engines work harder if they are feeling spruce and shiny!

RAILWAY COTTAGE!

Dear Fat Controller,
During the summer, my mummy and daddy took me on holiday to Yorkshire. We stayed in an old railway station which had been converted into holiday cottages and the garden was where the tracks used to be. The cottage used to be a ticket office!
Love from **Greg,** aged 4.

Well! Well! What a marvellous place to stay. It sounds like just the sort of cottage that Lady Hatt and myself would love.

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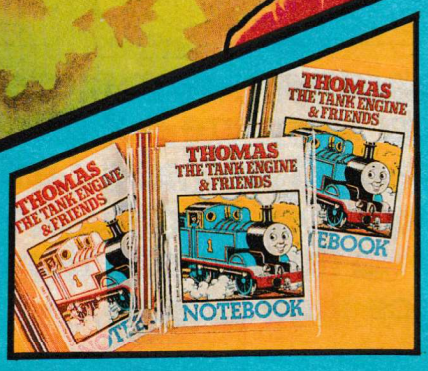

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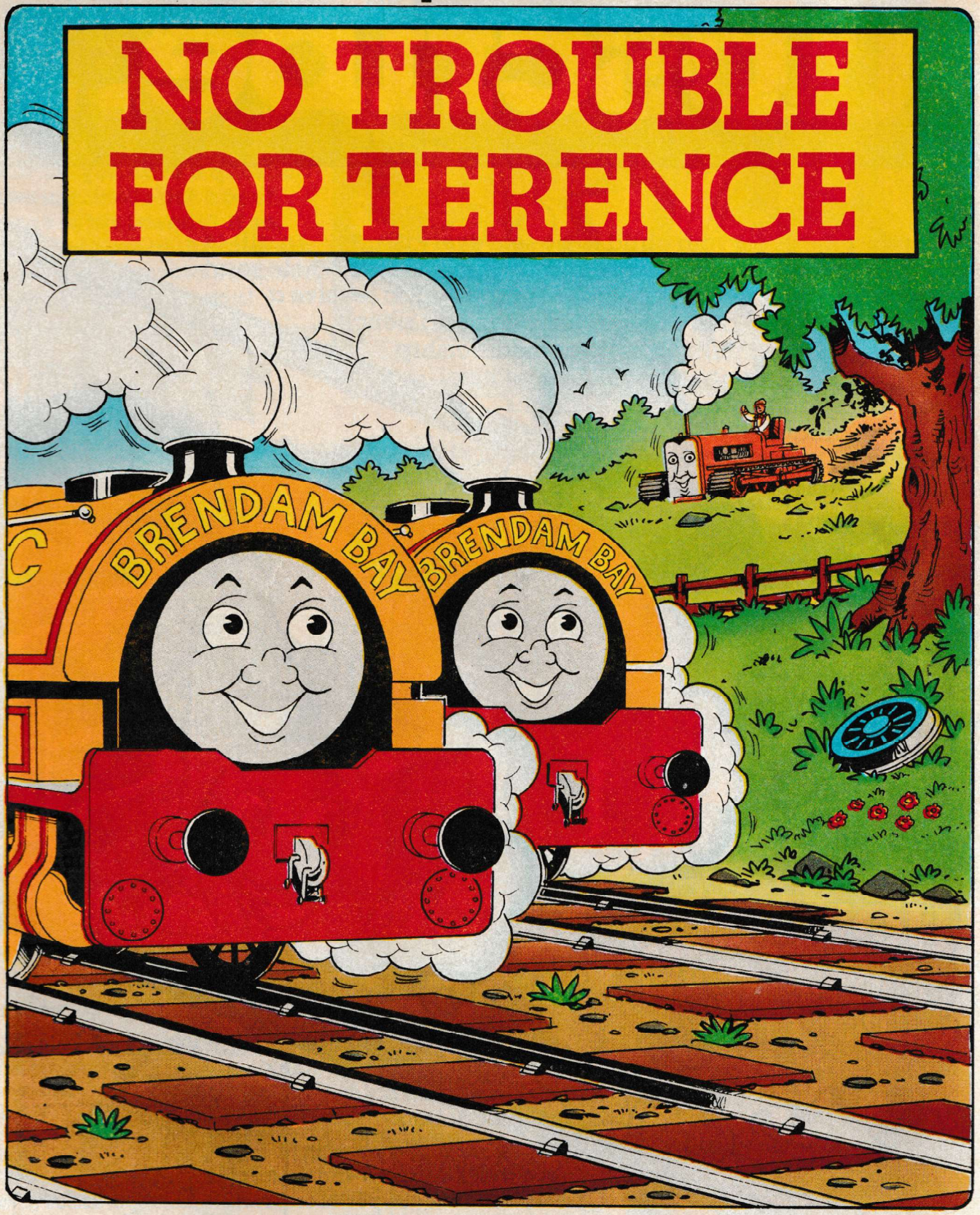
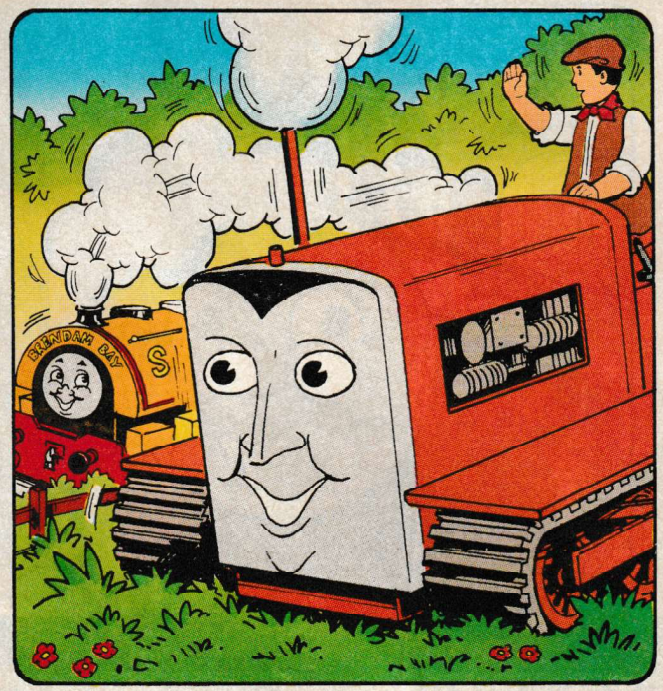
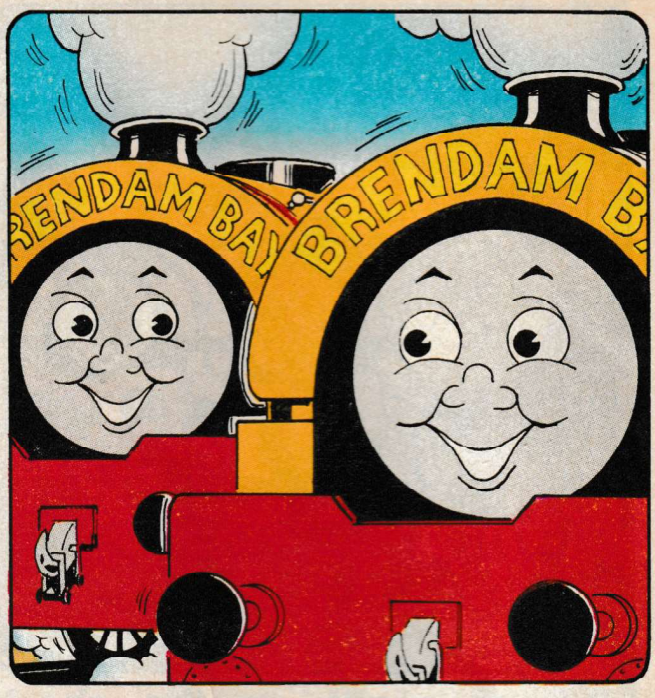


1. The Fat Controller's railway on the Island of Sodor is always very busy. The engines carry passengers and trucks up and down the lines all day long!

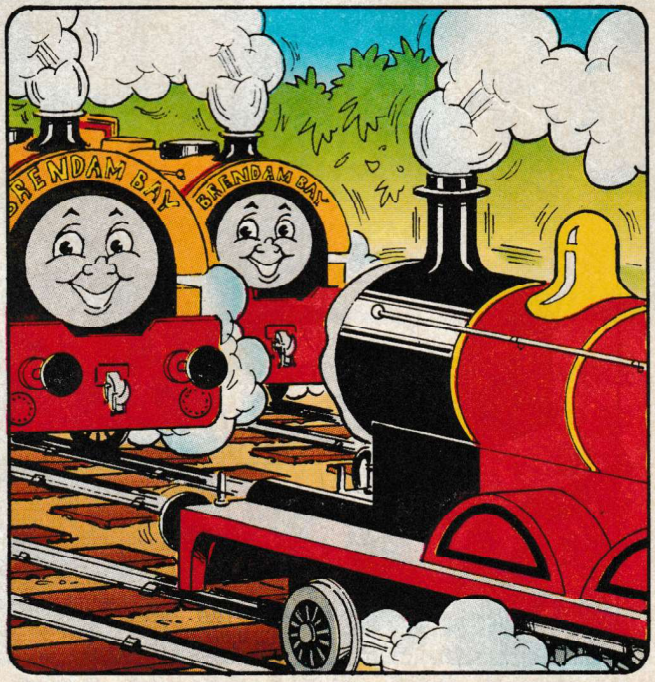
2. Two engines who are always very busy are Bill and Ben, the twin tank engines. One day, as they went to the harbour with their trucks, they saw Terence the Tractor.



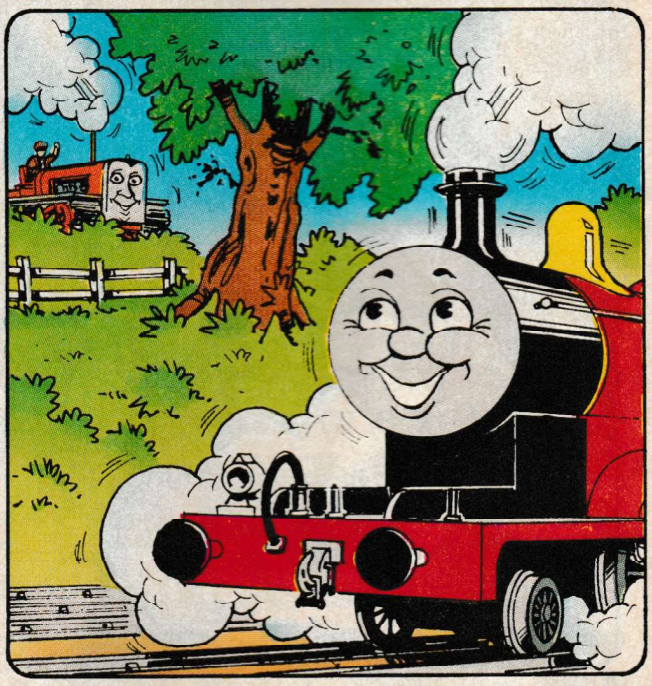
3. Of course, Terence does not have wheels like Bill and Ben. He has caterpillar treads and cannot be driven fast. "Peep! Hullo, slowcoach!" Bill teased Terence, playfully.



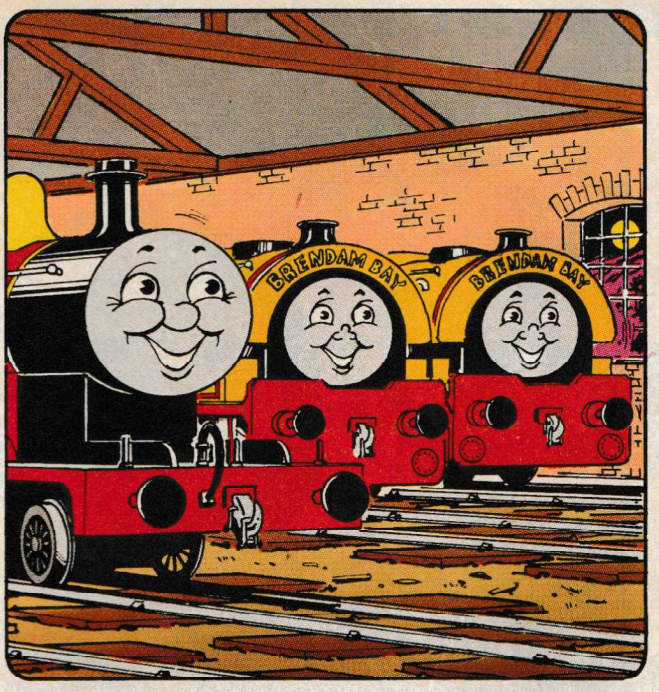
4. "I'm sure we'll get all the way to the harbour and back before Terence has even chugged across that field!" laughed Ben. The engines thought it was very funny.



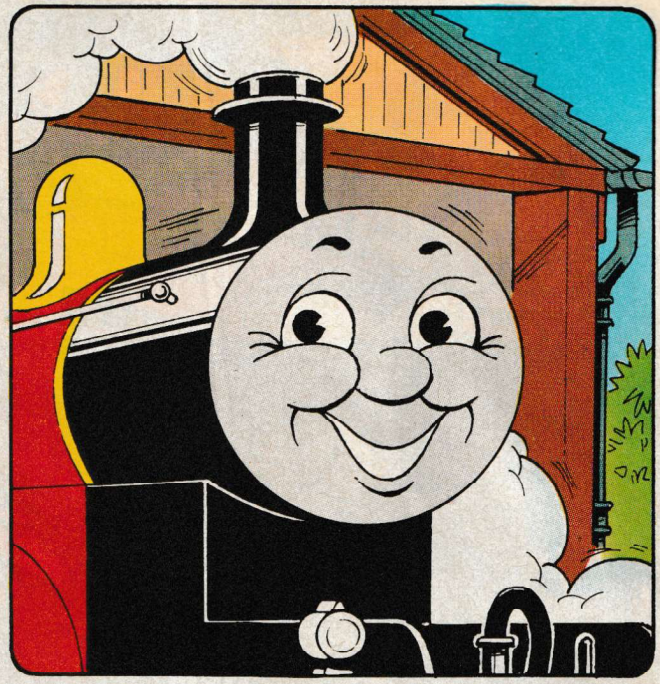
5. Meanwhile, James was on his way back from the Big Harbour with a train of trucks. He passed Bill and Ben, then he saw Terence. He slowed down and whistled to him.



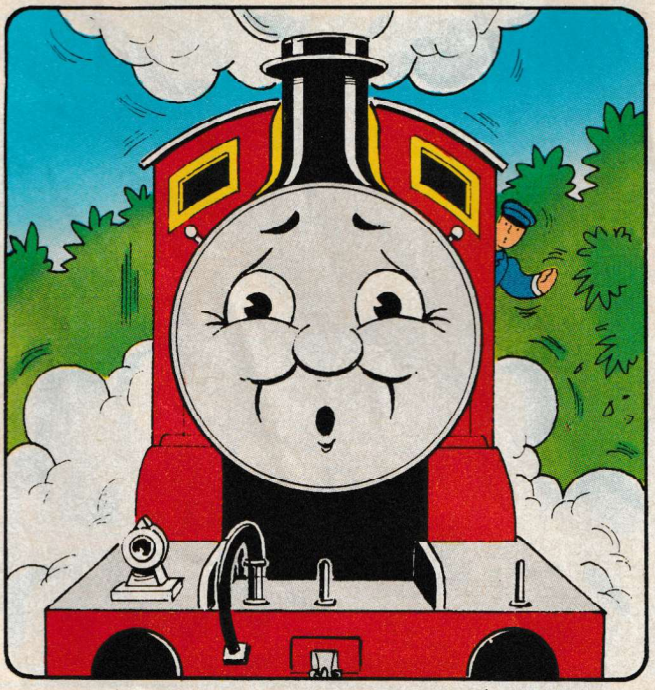
6. "If I didn't slow down, you wouldn't see me!" teased James. "We engines go so much faster than tractors!" Terence didn't like being teased by the engines.



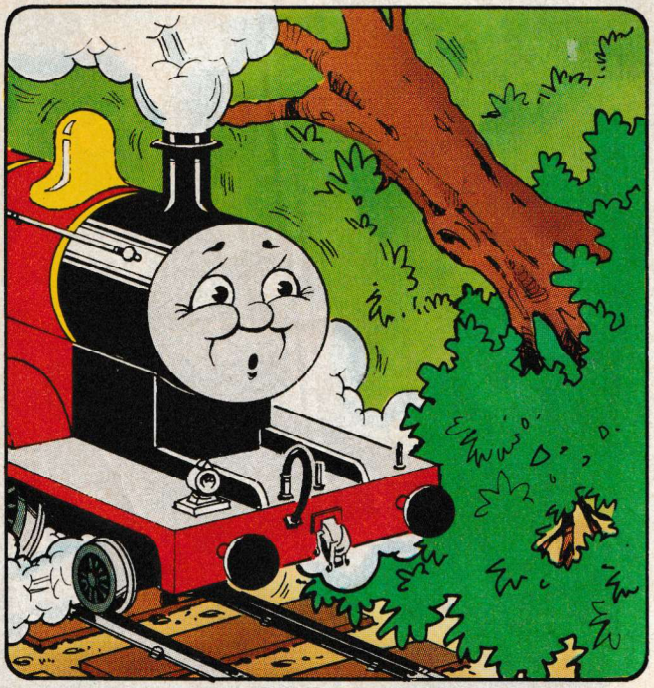
7. That night, in the shed, James told the other engines about Terence. "If we all went as slowly as him, the railway would run late!" said James. The other engines agreed.



8. It had been a windy night. The next morning the wind had died down. "I wonder if Terence will be out today?" said James. "I may see him as I pull my passenger train!"



9. James pulled out of the station with his shiny coaches. He hurried along the line. He rounded a bend in the track and stopped by the field where Terence had been.



10. There was an old broken tree lying on the embankment above the track. "It must have blown down in the gale! That tree could fall on the line!" said James's driver.

11. Bill and Ben soon arrived on the same line as James and wondered why he was blocking their way. "Hurry up," called Bill. "Move along," shouted Ben. "I can't move," replied James. "It isn't safe to go until the broken tree has been moved!" Just then, Terence the Tractor came chug-chugging along, above the embankment.

12. Terence was glad to help. His driver tied one end of his rope to Terence and secured the other end to the tree. Very slowly, Terence pulled the tree out of the way. Soon, the track below was safe and the engines could carry on with their journeys. "Thank you, Terence," said James. "We're sorry we teased you," echoed Bill and Ben.

THE END

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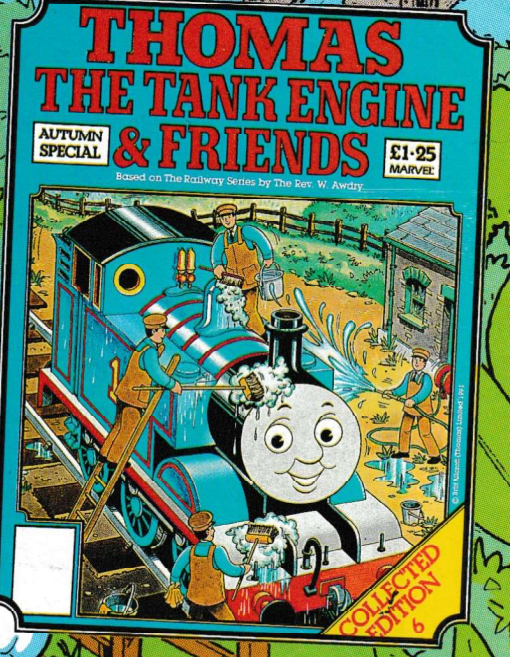
THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS



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